

STATE OF TEXAS *
COUNTIES OF POTTER *
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CITY OF AMARILLO *

On February 13, 2012, at 4:00 p.m., the Amarillo Advisory Library Board met at the Southwest Branch Library. The following attended:

Members	Today	Meetings Held Since Appointment	Meetings Attended Since Appointment
Denise Blanchard, Chair	No	44	37
Cathy Dixon	Yes	51	34
Peggy Parker	Yes	50	37
Sandy Riney	Yes	39	34
Lola Whitaker	No	8	7
Maury Roman Jordan	Yes	8	7
Rita Wilson	Yes	3	2

Staff

Donna Littlejohn, Director of Library Services
Valisa McHugh, Southwest Branch Librarian

CALL TO ORDER:

Cathy Dixon called the meeting to order.

MINUTES:

Sandy Riney made a motion to approve the December 2011 minutes as written. Maury Jordan seconded, and the motion passed.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Technology Services

Atomic Learning

Atomic Learning is new online software that is available on the library's website through the Harrington Library Consortium. The program offers technology training and tutorial support services to library cardholders.

E-Books and Readers

Overdrive allows Amarillo Public Library cardholders through the Harrington Library Consortium to download eBooks and audio books to personal computers, eReaders, and other devices. Materials expire two weeks after download.

Amarillo Reads

Amarillo Reads Bronte Sisters events have been going very well.
Amarillo Reads Spring selection will be *Bill Warrington's Last Chance* by James King.
Texas Tech will be offering a free Alzheimer screening as a part of the Amarillo Reads Spring selection.

Texas Tech will also collaborate with the Amarillo Public Library on a project called Reach Out and Read. The library will provide information about the library services, assist with story times, and assist in training volunteers on how to help parents in teaching their children reading skills through daily activities.

Community Collaborations

ESL Classes

Registration for ESL (English as a second language) classes started February 1, at the Downtown Library. Over 100 people signed up for the ESL classes on the first day of registration. Pat Mullin, the Library's ESL Services Coordinator has been doing a great job.

Library Programming

Anime

Josh Wilson, the Library's Young Adult Librarian, is planning a program for March, called the Hunger Games Training Camp. The Hunger Games is the first book of *The Hunger Games Trilogy*. The Boy Scouts and the High Plains Food Bank will partner with the Amarillo Public Library in the Hunger Games event.

Family Fun Nights

Family Fun Nights at the East Branch Library have been going very well. Friends of the Amarillo Public Library provided funds to purchase board games for the programs.

Texas State Library Strategic Plan

Recommendations for the Texas State Library focused on network resources, and providing statewide eBook licensing.

Library Families of the Year

The Library Families of the Year celebration was very successful. Maury Jordan shared information about the event.

Public forum

None

Discuss Items for Future Agendas

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be at the East Branch Library, 2232 E. 27th on Monday, April 9, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Donna Littlejohn, Director of Library Services

